

McKinney Vento Act

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If you, or somebody you know, is in a situation that qualifies you as “homeless” based on the McKinney Vento definition below and you are interested in receiving information about resources available in your area please contact the school homeless liaison Claudia Weintaub at: Claudia.weintraub@roavc.com or 805-777-7999.

Definition of homeless: The federal government’s legal definition of homeless based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is anyone who:

- Lacks a regular, fixed and adequate nighttime residence (substandard housing, no water or electricity). -Is sharing housing due to economic hardship (doubled up/tripled up).
- Is living in a public place not designated for sleeping (cars, parks, abandoned building, motels, trailer parks and camp grounds). -Is an unaccompanied youth.
- Is a child or youth awaiting foster care placement.
- Is a child abandoned in a hospital.
- Is a migrant child who qualifies under any of the above.

Homeless students’ rights:

- Be immediately enrolled in school without a permanent address.
- Continue in the school that the student attended before becoming homeless.
- Go to school, no matter where the student lives or how long he/she has lived there.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of required school records or documents.
- Enroll and attend classes even while the school and parent seek to resolve a dispute over enrollment.
- Receive transportation to his/her school of origin as long as he/she is homeless, or if the student becomes permanently housed, receive transportation until the end of the academic school year.
- Participate in tutoring, school-related activities, and/or receive other support services.

River Oaks Academy enrollment policies will meet the McKinney Vento education rights following regular enrollment policies. ROA will enroll students based on teacher availability. ROA is a home-based public charter school; transportation is not a part of the program.